

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A sealant composition used in combination with a transparent material having an anti-staining layer on the surface thereof, in which the sealant composition comprises a reactive silicon group-containing acryl or saturated hydrocarbon based polymer and a -COOCH₃ group-containing compound.
2. (currently amended): The sealant composition according to claim 1, in which the anti-staining layer is a layer having the anti-staining action of a photocatalyst.
3. (currently amended): The sealant composition according to claim 1, in which the transparent material is glass.
4. (currently amended): The sealant composition according to claim 1, in which the transparent material is a building material.
5. (currently amended): The sealant composition according to claim 1, in which the sealant composition comprises an acryl-based plasticizer as a component.
6. (canceled).

7. (currently amended): The sealant composition according to claim 1, in which the reactive silicon group-containing acryl or saturated hydrocarbon based polymer comprises a monomer unit deriving from a -COOCH_3 group-containing monomer.

8. (withdrawn): A sealing method for sealing a transparent material having a layer comprising an anti-staining photocatalyst on the surface thereof, wherein a sealant comprising a reactive silicon group-containing acryl or saturated hydrocarbon based polymer is used.

9. (withdrawn): The sealing method according to claim 8, in which the transparent material is glass.

10. (withdrawn): The sealing method according to claim 8, in which the transparent material is a building material.

11. (withdrawn): The sealing method according to claim 8, in which the layer having anti-staining photocatalyst on the surface thereof is a layer comprising a photocatalytic material as well as a hydrophilic material.

12. (withdrawn): The sealing method according to claim 8, in which the sealant comprises an acryl-based plasticizer as a component.

13. (withdrawn): The sealing method according to claim 8, in which the sealant comprises a -COOCH_3 group-containing compound as a component.

14. (withdrawn): The sealing method according to claim 8, in which the reactive silicon group-containing acryl or saturated hydrocarbon based polymer is a polymer comprising a monomer unit deriving from a -COOCH_3 group-containing monomer.

15. (withdrawn): The sealing method according to claim 8, in which a silicone based primer is applied onto a portion to be sealed of the transparent material.

16. (withdrawn): A sealed transparent material, obtained according to the method according to claim 8.